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Dear Aunt Mary

I have been trying to find time to write to you for the last three weeks, but have never been able till to-night. One thing which has occupied me very much has been turning my silk gown, which took me every moment of my time from monday till saturday, the spots on it looked so bad I was obliged to do it. I suppose the Bostonians have kept you informed of my motions, & how I am getting along. I have considerable to do, but I cant see as it wears upon me I have regained the flesh which I lost when I first came here, & I believe am looking now as usual. I have been perfectly well during the last 7 weeks excepting a cold from which I have entirely recovered. As far as I can learn I seem to be high in favour here, and the only difference which my abolition sentiments seem to make, is, that people are curious about me wherever I hear my name mentioned I hear something of the free labour meet. It seems to have made quite an impression, I suppose because it beats the Quakers on their own ground. I will begin and tell you what has happened since last tuesday when our house caught fire. Mr Bent carried a hod up in the garret which had charcoal in it & as he had been using it about the fire a spark must have flown in. When it was discovered just after. dinner the smoke was pouring down the

Mr Ellisond of Taunton preaches for Mr Bent next sunday & Mr Clarke of Boston in the course of November. Wendall Philips is coming here soon to lecture before the Lyceum.

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garret stairs so thick that it was with the utmost difficulty that ~~it was with the~~ men could go up. Competent judges have decided that had it burnt 10 minutes longer the house could not have been saved. Thursday evening I took tea at the Mansion house. Hallett I found was staying there. He was at one end of the table and I at the other, I did not see him till after 9 when he came into Mrs Doubledays parlour. I held a short powow with him, talked of George Thompson & the Boston Female. I found that he had come down here to take depositions in the case of Judge Spooner and the refractory servant, Nancy Giles who he thinks will recover about $500 dammages. I saw Mrs Weld the next day who said, Mr Hallett knows all about your folks, we talked a great deal about you after you were gone. I was in such a hurry I could not stop to hear what he did say but the next time I go down to the mansion house I intend to find out. Saturday morning I took the petition and went out to get names I got about 24 or 27 which I thought was doing well. Susan Congdon got 12 in the same time. I had a very amusing time and enjoyed it extremely. I got treated the most uncivilly of any where at a very nice house inhabitited by two of the primmest of Quaker ladies, who could not refuse half fast enough. Saturday afternoon I called upon Mrs Andrew Robeson, who was very civil & whom I liked Saturday night Mrs Adams (Mr Bents sister) and her husband his sister Elizabeth Adams and Susan Bent all came to stay till Tuesday. Sunday I went and heard Dr Choules Sunday night Mr & Mrs Angier passed the evening here & we had lots of singing. I was much pleased with Mr Angier and think that there is a great deal more both of Christianity & of sense than I had any idea of in him. He is much more of a literary man than Dr Bent and seems very straight-forward and simple hearted. He is going down to Scituate to settle down in May

Mr Bristed the Episcopal minister of Newport calls Dr Choules the little Baptist Beer barrel. Dont you think there is a frisky set of ministers down this way and best of all he is going to negociate an exhange with him I'snt that almost too good news to be true? Mr Angier and I were mutually pleased with one another, for Br Bent has, he says, something very complimentary from him laid up in store for me till some day when they have a poor dinner or breakfast. Monday night we were all invited to the Angiers to take tea. Mr & Mrs Choules were there. Br Choules held forth for some time upon abolition, told of the awful mobs he had been in, one of which to my great surprise was that first of August a year ago when Thompson spoke at Julien Hall. After that there was a discussion upon Temperance and I was shocked to hear Br Choules talk, he and Mr Angier held on to their wine. Br Bent opposed & talked very well & when Br Choules reproached him for one or two inconsistencies such as giving Mr Angier wine & several other things, he said that he repented of his sin & that his great difficulty was that he knew & confessed what was right, but found it hard to live up to his doctrines &c It was awful to hear Br Choules use such slaveholding arguments. Mr Angier lent me a little book by Ralph Emerson, "Nature" by name which I have not yet read. Last night I went to the Lyceum & heard Mr Choules lecture upon the Crusades. It was very good, thought he could not say much of any thing original on the subject. Josiah Sturgis was admitted as a member of the Lyceum The Riddells have at last done the civil, by inviting me to tea but my cold was so bad I could not go out. Mrs Ricketson (Aunt Sally) called upon me the other day. Anne will know all about her. She is a hot abolitionist. D. Wilson & Phineas Crandall, both the methodist ministers in town are abolitionists & their wives are going to join our society. Mrs Wilson is the woman that I had a talk with at convention. Thompson and Phelps staid at her house when she was in Andover. Mr Wilson says that the N. Bedford abolitionists are the hardest to get acquainted with of any that he ever saw. The truth is that they have not had persecution enought to purify them. They are rather too aristocratic. My vacation will be I suppose in 4 weeks from next Saturday or as Abby Osgood says from friday night. I can hardly believe I have been here nearly 7 weeks. I have not been in the least homesick but sometimes it seems as if I should leap out of myself I want to start off so. I can enter into Lucy's feelings when she used to lie awake in the night galloping to Weymouth. About 3 o'clock the 19th of November you will see me come pushing along. Dont go to Duxbury. How is Emma now I cant seem to hear much from her, tell her I think her rather undutiful not to have written to her mother all this time. Ma I hear has been to Boston. How did pa get along during her absence as soon as you get this I want you to write me the longest letter that was ever seen on one sheet of paper. Tell aunt Phebe & Aunt Priscilla that I long to see them. Last night there was quite a fire close to us a carpenters shop at the corner of the street burnt. The whole town was here. There has been 3 alarms of fire here in Cheapside in the course of the week. Also a store down in town. "Both were the work of an incendiary" Last Friday eve I went to a meeting at Mr Morgridges church to hear an account of the Beverly Manual labour school. Philemon R. Russell of Lynn spoke & brother Himes which latter I held a confab with. Br Brown had been here. There had been a 4 day meeting but I did not know that any of our folks were to be at it. Mr Morgridge and I have knocked up quite an intimacy. I dont walk a step in the streets without meeting him. I took tea at Charlotte's last night and had as much sugar as I could eat. cake and preserves. Mr Bent went to hear P. R. Russell deliver an address upon doing good & though he went much prejudiced against him, he could not help liking him Said that he brought in considerable about abolition & altogether it was a very stirring discourse. I was very sorry not to hear it. Give my best love to Grandma and all. Write word how you get along & how the cold weather affects you. most affectionately & truly yours L Weston

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